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In re Application of:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the cited application.

In the Specification:

On Page 1, insert before the first line the following paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/551,477, filed 4/18/2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-30.

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REMARKS

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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